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Dear Mrs. Berry:

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Sincerely,

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Central Intelligence Agency

Creation and Authority.—The Central Intelligence Agency was established under the National Security Council by the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253, 80th Cong., 1st sess.), approved July 26, 1947. The Director is appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. When the Director took office, the National Intelligence Authority ceased to exist.

Purpose.—For the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security, the Agency, under the direction of the National Security Council:

1. Advises the National Security Council in matters concerning such intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies as relate to national security.
2. Makes recommendations to the National Security Council for the coordination of such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security.
3. Correlates and evaluates intelligence relating to the national security, and provides for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government using, where appropriate, existing agencies and facilities.
4. Performs, for the benefit of the existing intelligence agencies, such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally.
5. Performs such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct.